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### 1943 CANNED VEGETABLE PROGRAM

#### USDA Instructs War Boards on Price Support and Certification Policies

The Office of the Secretary of Agriculture has issued a memorandum on the 1943 program for canned vegetables to the chairmen and members of State USDA War Boards. The memorandum includes tables presenting pack and acreage forecasts, and deals with such important matters as price support policies for various vegetables, Government requirements, and certification programs for canners, dehydrators and freezers. Text of the memorandum follows.

Under the recent Executive Order making the Secretary of Agriculture responsible for the Nation's food program, the Department and the State War Boards have been given much greater responsibility than formerly in providing the food which is urgently needed in our war effort. In 1942 record packs of vegetables were canned. After government acquisitions for military and Lend-lease requirements, however, there will remain available for civilian consumption and reserves approximately the same quantity as has been available to civilians in recent years. In view of the present high level of purchasing power, civilian demand could readily dispose of larger supplies at current ceiling prices.

The packs next year are expected to be substantially smaller than in 1942, while government requirements from the 1943 packs will be much greater than those for this year. Government requirements are likely to be increased. To the extent that this occurs civilian consumption will have to be reduced still further. The seriousness of the situation and the need for immediate and effective action is indicated in Table I. (See page 7413.)

As indicated in Table I, about 70 per cent of the canned vegetables consumed by civilians during recent years will be available from the 1943 packs. The 1943 forecasted packs of various canned vegetables, together with historical pack comparisons, are given in Table II. (Shown on page 7413.)

This memorandum outlines the government program for 1943 with particular emphasis upon the parts which the State War Boards will play.

The program is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- (1) To facilitate government procurement of quantities requested for military, Lend-lease, and other needs.
- (2) To obtain supplies for essential civilian needs.
- (3) To conserve critical materials and effectively utilize labor and plant capacity.
- (4) To secure an equitable treatment of growers and processors in the various producing areas.

With these objectives in mind, the various parts of the government program for 1943 have been drawn up embracing a tin conservation order, a glass container order, allocation orders, price ceiling regulations, price support programs to growers and processors, and a program to assist in securing the needed supplies of labor. It must be emphasized that we have one government program and not a series of separate and distinct programs. Each part has a certain function to perform and bears definite relationships to each of the other phases. The tin conservation order

has been written to conform to these objectives and to secure the best use of critical materials in supplying our military forces and civilians with processed foods. Within the limitations imposed by shortages of rubber and existing plant equipment, the maximum glass pack will be encouraged not only as a means of conserving tinplate but to make additional supplies available to civilian consumers. In the tin order primary consideration has been given to the necessary government requirements which are to be secured through the allocation orders—M-86 and M-86-e. Price support to growers and processors should be considered in relation to these orders and to the necessity of providing adequate supplies of raw materials for all processing needs. The price ceilings to processors must take into account not only the prices which growers must receive but also the processors' costs. Aggressive action in the labor field is necessary if growers are

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### MANPOWER COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

#### McNutt Announces Establishment of Five Operating Divisions and Names Personnel

A new and streamlined organization of the War Manpower Commission has been announced by Chairman Paul V. McNutt. Under the power granted by the President's recent executive order, Mr. McNutt placed the many divisions, offices and services which have been added to the Commission in recent months under full control of five operating divisions. These bureaus are: Selective Service Placement, Training, Labor Utilization, and Program Planning and Control.

At the same time Mr. McNutt announced the following staff:

In the Office of the Chairman, Fowler V. Harper will continue as Deputy Chairman and Arthur S. Flemming will continue as presiding officer of the Management-Labor Committee.

In the Office of the Executive Director, the following appointments were announced:

Acting Executive Director, Arthur S. Flemming; Acting Assistant Executive Directors, Robert M. Barnett (general

#### Manpower Committee Meets

The Manpower Committee, appointment of which was authorized by the Board of Directors at its meeting in Chicago on December 13, met at the Association's headquarters on Tuesday and Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting was to review the situation and, in an advisory capacity, to prepare a program which will be sent to secretaries of State cannery associations and to all cannerys at an early date.

and personnel) and Byron Mitchell (field management); Budget and Administrative Planning Service, Leonard A'Hearn, Chief; Administrative Services, Harold S. Dotterer, Chief; General Counsel, Barnard C. Gavit; Associate General Counsel, Lt. Col. Edward F. Shattuck; and Information Service, Philip S. Broughton, Director of Information.

Chiefs of the operating bureaus are as follows:

For the Bureau of Selective Service, Major-General Lewis B. Hershey already has been announced as director. For the Bureau of Program Planning and Review, William Haber is director; for the Bureau of Training, Dr. W. W. Charters is acting director; for the Bureau of Placement, Glen E. Brockway is in charge. No director is announced for the Bureau of Labor Utilization; in the meantime Brigadier-General William C. Rose will continue as Chief of the Manning Table Division in this bureau.

Major responsibilities of the operating divisions are as follows:

The Bureau of Selective Service will operate as heretofore along the lines prescribed by the Selective Service Act. It will coordinate its activities with the Placement Services and other offices of WMC.

The Bureau of Placement will have responsibility for industrial employment, agricultural employment, the placement of professional and scientific manpower, and employment in government services.

The Bureau of Training will be responsible for professional and technical training, vocational training, the National Youth Administration, the training-within-industry program, and apprentice training.

The Bureau of Program Planning and Review will be responsible for all reports and research, compilation and relation of labor market data, and relations with war agencies. It will coordinate the statistical activities of the Commission and maintain technical consulting service.

The detailed organization of the Bureau of Labor Utilization has not been completed. It now includes the Manning Table Division and is expected to include analyses of in-plant employment problems.

#### Stockpiling of Boxes and Crates Urged

Fruit and vegetable growers and shippers have been urged by the Containers Division of the War Production Board to accumulate immediately a stockpile of second-hand wood boxes, crates, baskets, barrels, and hampers for use in shipment of their 1943 crops.

At the same time, the Division appealed to retailers and other merchants to sell such empty containers at a nominal price either to second-hand container dealers, or to the growers themselves rather than turn the containers into channels where they will be destroyed.

By following this advice, growers, shippers, and retailers not only will help relieve an expected heavy demand for new wood containers, but also ease the strain on manpower and transportation during the 1943 harvest season.

Greater quantities of wood containers will be needed to market the larger crops that are expected as a result of increased agricultural production goals, and to ship supplies overseas to the armed forces and to the United Nations.

In order to conserve supplies for such purposes, the Containers Division recommended that all types of second-hand wood containers be salvaged by growers and shippers, even though it may have been customary in the past in some localities or for some crops to use only one type of container. For example, growers and shippers who, in the past, have used only bushel baskets can use boxes if they are more readily obtainable in the used-container markets.

Supplies of second-hand containers may be obtained from grocery stores, restaurants, second-hand dealers, and similar merchants. Growers can use vacant space in their sheds and barns to store the empty containers until the 1943 harvest season begins, it was suggested.

#### Adjustable Pricing Permitted for Lug Boxes

Sellers of western wooden agricultural containers may make long term contracts on an adjustable pricing basis, the Office of Price Administration announced December 21.

The action—Amendment No. 3 to Maximum Price Regulation 186 (Western Wooden Agricultural Containers), which became effective December 26, 1942—permits sellers to quote prices which may be adjusted to maximum prices in effect at the time of delivery and accordingly encourages the sellers to enter transactions to supply packages over a long season.

The measure replaces the previous provision prohibiting agreements to charge prices higher than maximum prices in effect at the time of the agreement. The change conforms with the adjustable pricing provisions incorporated in Revised Maximum Price Regulation 195 (Industrial Wooden Boxes).

#### Woodbury Takes Up USDA Duties

Dr. Charles G. Woodbury, director of the Raw Product Research Bureau of the National Canners Association since 1920, has been appointed as special assistant and advisor to Dr. E. C. Auchter, Agricultural Research Administrator in the Department of Agriculture, and will take up his new duties immediately. Dr. Woodbury is expected to serve in this capacity during the war emergency period.

Under Dr. Auchter's general direction, he will have authority to develop and put into operation throughout the Research Administration broad research programs necessitated by food rationing, increased demands for certain foods, and the need for substitutes and new kinds of food products in the United States.

In his 22 years with the National Canners Association, Dr. Woodbury developed an intimate knowledge of the problems and personnel of the food processing industries. Prior to that he spent 14 years in research work at the Purdue University Experiment Station, Lafayette, Indiana, serving as a department head and afterward as director of the experiment station. Thus he is thoroughly familiar with the scientific and practical aspects of production as well as processing, and has an exceptionally wide acquaintance among university and college research men.

This broad experience is expected to be of value in working out cooperative research programs that will focus all the resources of the food industry and the research laboratories on a given problem.

### Montgomery Resigns As Consumers Counsel

The Department of Agriculture on December 26 announced the resignation of Donald E. Montgomery as Consumers' Counsel, effective December 31.

In accepting the resignation, Roy F. Hendrickson, Director of the Food Distribution Administration, said he planned within a few days to choose Mr. Montgomery's successor and added that Secretary Wickard had directed him to greatly strengthen and expand consumer work.

Mr. Montgomery has been Consumers' Counsel for the Department since September 15, 1935. During the past year the Consumers' Counsel Division has been a part of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, now the Food Distribution Administration.

### CONDITIONS COVERING BONUS PAYMENTS

#### Internal Revenue Commissioner Cites Instances When His Approval Is Not Necessary

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, whose jurisdiction over salaries extends to employees receiving more than \$5,000 a year, and to those executive, administrative, and professional employees, receiving less than \$5,000 per year, who are not represented by a recognized labor organization, recently enumerated the types of bonuses which may be paid without his approval.

The general provisions of the Commissioner's regulation governing this matter were outlined in INFORMATION LETTER No. 912 for December 5, 1942, page 7360. The Commissioner, however, has clarified the matter by specifically indicating that his approval need not be procured, where:

"1. The amount to be paid in 1942 is not greater than the amount paid to the same employee or an employee occupying the same position, in 1941.

"2. Before October 3, 1942, the employer had entered into an enforceable contract with the employee to pay him, in 1942, (a) a bonus of a specified amount or, (b) a bonus calculated in a specified manner, the amount of which was determinable on or before October 3, 1942.

"3. It has been the settled policy of the employer over a period of at least two years to pay bonuses calculated on a fixed percentage of the salary of each of the employees of any group, provided the fixed percentage is not increased in 1942. An increase in the amount of any employee's bonus due to an increase in his salary during 1942, without any change in the percentage, will not be in violation of this rule.

"4. The bonus or other additional compensation is based on a fixed percentage of an employee's individual sales, provided the rate of such payment was fixed before October 3, 1942."

In other instances, the Commissioner's specific approval of bonus payments must be obtained, and applications for approval must be filed with the local Salary Stabilization Regional Office.

At approximately the same time, the War Labor Board, which has jurisdiction over wages and salaries not subject to the control of the Commissioner, authorized employers to make bonus payments, without specific Board approval, to employees entering the armed forces. (General Order No. 10(a).)

### CANNED FOODS RATIONING ANNOUNCED

#### Program Affects Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Juices, And Dried and Frozen Fruits

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard announced December 27 that he has directed the Office of Price Administration to ration all canned, dried and frozen vegetables and fruits, as soon as the machinery for rationing can be set up. The program is expected to begin in February.

Announcement was made through a national radio hook-up with principal addresses by Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of War Information, and Secretary Wickard. Rationed distribution of the products affected will be by the "point system", with coupons in War Ration Book No. 2.

The processed foods to be rationed are listed as follows by OPA:

#### Canned, Bottled Fruits, Fruit Juices

Apples: including crabapples; applesauce, apricots, baby foods; berries, all varieties; cherries, red sour pitted; cherries, other; cranberries and sauce; fruits for salad and fruit cocktail; grapefruit, grapefruit juice, grape juice, peaches, pears, pineapple, pineapple juice; all other canned and bottled fruits, fruit juices and combinations.

#### Canned, Bottled Vegetables, Vegetable Juices

Asparagus, baby foods; beans, fresh lima; beans, green and wax; beans, all canned and bottled dry varieties, including baked beans, soaked dry beans, pork and beans, kidney beans and lentils; beets, including pickled; carrots, corn, peas, sauerkraut, spinach, tomatoes, tomato catsup and chili sauce, tomato juice, all other tomato products; all other canned and bottled vegetables, vegetable juices and combinations.

#### Other Processed Foods

Canned soups, all types and varieties. Dried, dehydrated fruits: prunes, raisins, all others. Frozen fruits: cherries, peaches, strawberries, other berries, all other frozen fruits. Frozen vegetables: asparagus, beans, lima; beans, green and wax; broccoli, corn, peas, spinach, all other frozen vegetables.

#### Items Not Included

Candied fruits, chili con carne, frozen fruits in containers over ten pounds, frozen vegetables in containers over ten pounds, fruit cakes, fruit juices in containers over one gallon, fruit puddings, jams, jellies, meat stews containing some vegetables, olives, paste products (such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles) whether or not they are packed with added vegetable sauces, pickles, potato salad, preserves, relishes, vegetable juices in containers over one gallon.

### Canned Pear Price Control Amended

Sales of canned pears to the United States or any agency thereof are exempt, effective January 4, 1943, from price control, the Office of Price Administration announced December 29. This action was taken through the issuance of Amendment No. 4 to Maximum Price Regulation No. 185 (Canned Fruits and Berries).

The amendment was issued in order to facilitate and permit government agencies to conduct their buying programs in the grades and sizes most convenient and desirable. If prices of canned pears for government sales increase to a speculative degree, however, OPA will set maximum prices for sales of canned pears to such buyers.

**SARDINE, MACKEREL QUOTAS INCREASED**  
**Reservations for Armed Forces and Lend-Lease Are**  
**Lifted to 80 Per Cent**

Canners are directed to set aside an additional 20 per cent of their California pilchard (sardines), Atlantic sea herring (Maine sardines), and mackerel packed between March 1, 1942 and February 28, 1943, for the armed forces and Lend-lease by Supplementary Order M-86-b, as amended December 24, by the War Production Board.

The amendment was requested by the Foods Requirements Committee, of which Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard was chairman. The Committee has been superseded by a new advisory committee, appointed by the Secretary under the executive order which delegates responsibility to the Secretary for wartime food control.

The order raises the reservation of the 1942 pack of sardines and mackerel required for military and Lend-lease purposes to 80 per cent of the total. Supplementary Order M-86-b, as last amended in October, ordered canners to set aside 60 per cent of such pack for the Government, and permitted them to release 20 per cent of their pack to civilians, under specified conditions. The remaining 20 per cent was to be retained by the canner until it was determined whether the pack or any part of it would be required by the Government. This is the supply that is taken over by the December 24 order. The civilian allotment is not affected.

The amendment does not affect canned salmon. Under the order, as last amended, canners were required to set aside for the Government 60 per cent of their salmon between March 1, 1942, and February 28, 1943. They were permitted to release 20 per cent of the pack to civilians, providing they first had delivered 60 per cent of the pack to the Government.

The remaining 20 per cent of the salmon is to be retained by the canner until it is determined whether or not it will be required by the Government.

However, Secretary Wickard has announced that this 20 per cent may be needed by the Government before the middle of 1943. Final determination is not expected until completion of the California sardine canning season. At that time, more details will be known as to the total 1942 pack of the principal types of canned fish, and prospects for 1943 canned salmon production.

Any canner may continue to deliver for civilian consumption, in specified quota periods, 20 per cent of any species canned between March 1, 1942 and February 28, 1943. However, in order to make such delivery, he must first have delivered 80 per cent of his sardine and mackerel pack, and 60 per cent of his salmon pack to the Government.

According to the press release which accompanied the text of the order, the Government finds it necessary to take an additional portion of the sardine and mackerel packs because of the sharp reduction in the production of these species during 1942. The decline chiefly reflects a light run of pilchard schools and mackerel off the Pacific Coast, diversion of a larger portion of the California pilchard catch into the production of meal and oil, conversion of some fishing vessels to naval operations, and the labor shortage on the West Coast.

Text of Supplementary Order M-86-b, as amended December 24, is as follows:

Section 1084.3 *Supplementary Order M-86-b* is amended to read as follows:

**§ 1084.3 *Supplementary Order M-86-b*.**

(a) Notwithstanding any previous notice of release by any government agency, or notice given by any canner pursuant to paragraph (c) (3) of Order M-86, no canner after December 24, 1942, may sell or deliver any part of his pack of the following fish packed by him at any time from March 1, 1942, to February 28, 1943, except as permitted by this order:

*Group 1 Salmon: Red, sockeye, or blueback (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); Pink (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*); Silver, silverside, medium red, or coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*); Chum or keta (*Oncorhynchus keta*); King, chinook or spring (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); Steelhead, or steelhead trout (*Salmo trutta* and *S. Clarki*, sometimes called *S. Gairdneri*).*

*Group 2 Pilchard: (*Sardinia caerulea*), by whatever name known, including sardines.*

*Group 3 Sea herring: Atlantic (*Clupea harengus*), by whatever name known, including sardines.*

*Group 4 Mackerel: Atlantic (*Scomber scombrus*); Pacific (*Pneumatophorus japonicus diego*).*

(b) Each canner may deliver, to any agency or agencies of the United States Government specifically designated by the Director General for Operations, any part or all of the canned fish listed in paragraph (a) packed by him at any time.

(c) 80 per cent by net weight is hereby established as each canner's quota percentage for such sale to government agencies of his pack of each species of groups 2, 3, and 4, and 60 per cent of his pack of each species of group 1 of canned fish listed in paragraph (a), packed during each quota period. The following quota periods are hereby established:

Period 1—March 1, 1942—December 31, 1942.

Period 2—January, 1943.

Period 3—February, 1943.

(d) Any canner who has delivered to government agencies his quota of his pack of any species of any group of canned fish listed in paragraph (a), packed during any quota period, may deliver to persons other than government agencies 20 per cent of his pack of such species, packed during such quota period. Such 20 per cent of his pack may be delivered by a canner in advance of delivery of his quota to government agencies if so authorized by the government agency to which such canner's pack is allocated, provided such agency finds that the canner is unable to deliver his quota for reasons beyond his control and provided, further, that he has obligated himself by contract to make delivery of his quota when able. Provided further that if, prior to December 24, 1942, and under specific authorization granted by the Agricultural Marketing Administration or the Food Distribution Administration a canner has delivered to persons other than government agencies in excess of 20 per cent of his pack of any species of any group, such deliveries are in violation of this order.

(e) Directions as to styles, types of pack, can sizes, labeling, boxes, and strapping may be given to any canner packing any canned fish listed in paragraph (a), by the Director General for Operations, or the agency to which a canner's pack is allocated.

(f) The report prescribed by paragraph (c) (2) of Order M-86 shall be filed weekly within three days after the close of each calendar week on Form PD-495, "Canned Fish Weekly Pack Report." A report on such form, shall be filed

within 15 days after the completion of each canner's seasonal pack, covering the entire amount of such pack.

(g) Until further notice, the Food Distribution Administration within the Department of Agriculture is hereby allocated the quotas prescribed by this order, and authorized to purchase, for governmental requirements, those quantities and such other and further quantities as may be allocated to it from time to time. Said Food Distribution Administration is also authorized to inspect and grade such canned fish pursuant to paragraph (e) of Order M-86.

## SALMON SALES PRICES ESTABLISHED

### Amendment Fixes Dollars and Cents Maximum Ceilings at Canners' Level

Fixed dollars and cents maximum prices on canner sales of salmon were established December 26 by the Office of Price Administration, replacing individual packers' March, 1942, ceilings. The new maximum prices reflect the average of packers' peak sales during March.

The three main objectives of this latest OPA action—taken in Amendment No. 2 to Maximum Price Regulation No. 265 (Sales by Canners of Salmon)—are as follows:

(1) To level off the irregular ceiling prices which existed between various canners along the Columbia River.

(2) To set fair and equitable prices, based on 1942 costs, on half-pound flat cans of five types of salmon canned in Alaska, which could not be marketed without loss under the prices originally set in Maximum Price Regulation 265.

(3) To provide canner ceilings on sales to civilians and to government buyers for salmon of the Columbia River District which was excluded from coverage under the initial salmon regulation.

Text of Amendment No. 2 to MPR No. 265 is as follows:

Section 1364.560 (a) (3) is amended and (a) (13), (14), (15), (16), and (17) are added, and the table in Section 1364.562 (a) is amended to read as set forth below:

#### 1364.560 Definitions.

(a) \* \* \* (3) "Salmon" means any canned fish of the genus *Oncorhynchus* or of the species *Salmo gairdneri* \* \* \*

(13) One pound "oval" means a can 406 x 407 x 108 C. R.

(14) One-half pound "oval" means a can 309 x 515 x 103 C. R.

(15) One-half pound "flat" means a can 307 x 200.25 C. R.

(16) One-quarter pound "flat" means a can 301 x 106 C. R.

(17) "C. R." is the abbreviation for Columbia River \* \* \*

#### 1364.562 Appendix A: Maximum canner's prices for salmon.

(a) \* \* \*

Variety	Style of container	Price per case
Chinook	½-lb. flats	\$12.00
Red	1-lb. tails	15.00
Red	1-lb. tails	15.00
Red	½-lb. flats	10.00
Coho	1-lb. tails	11.00
Coho	1-lb. flats	12.30
Coho	½-lb. flats	8.00
Pink	1-lb. tails	8.00
Pink	1-lb. flats	8.00
Chum	½-lb. flats	5.00
Chum	1-lb. tails	7.00

Variety	Style of container	Price per case
Chum	½-lb. flats	5.40
Alaska Sockeye	1-lb. tails	15.00
Alaska Sockeye	1-lb. flats	16.00
Alaska Sockeye	½-lb. flats	11.00
Puget Sound Sockeye	1-lb. tails	18.00
Puget Sound Sockeye	1-lb. flats	19.00
Puget Sound Sockeye	½-lb. flats	11.40
Columbia River		
Chinook, Fancy	1-lb. tails	19.00
Chinook, Fancy	1-lb. flats	20.00
Chinook, Fancy	1-lb. ovals C. R.	24.00
Chinook, Fancy	½-lb. flats C. R.	13.00
Chinook, Fancy	½-lb. ovals C. R.	16.00
Chinook, Fancy	½-lb. flats C. R.	6.00
Chinook, Choice	1-lb. tails	16.00
Chinook, Choice	1-lb. flats	17.00
Chinook, Choice	½-lb. flats C. R.	10.00
Chinook, Choice	½-lb. flats C. R.	5.20
Chinook, Standard	1-lb. tails	13.00
Chinook, Standard	1-lb. flats	14.00
Chinook, Standard	½-lb. flats C. R.	8.00
Chinook, Standard	½-lb. flats C. R.	4.80
Chinook, unclassified	1-lb. tails	10.00
Chinook, unclassified	1-lb. flats	11.00
Chinook, unclassified	½-lb. flats C. R.	6.40
Silverside	1-lb. tails	11.80
Silverside	1-lb. flats	14.00
Silverside	½-lb. flats C. R.	8.00
Silverside	½-lb. flats C. R.	5.20
Steelheads	1-lb. tails	16.00
Steelheads	1-lb. flats	17.00
Steelheads	½-lb. flats C. R.	10.00
Steelheads	½-lb. ovals C. R.	12.00
Steelheads	½-lb. flats C. R.	5.20
Bluebacks	½-lb. flats C. R.	13.40
Bluebacks	½-lb. flats C. R.	6.80
Chums	½-lb. tails	7.00
Chums	1-lb. flats	9.00
Chums	½-lb. flats C. R.	5.00

#### § 1364.561a Effective dates of amendments \* \* \*

(b) This Amendment No. 2 (§§ 1364.560 and 1364.562) to Maximum Price Regulation No. 265 shall become effective December 29, 1942.

## Farm Machinery Assigned Top Priority

Top priority of AA-1 has been assigned by the War Production Board to delivery of critical material necessary to manufacture farm machinery included on the current program.

Recommended by WPB's Office of Civilian Supply, the high rating will be applied to material for new machinery as well as for repair parts for existing equipment. The rating was given to speed work on tillage tools and other equipment needed for the coming spring planting season.

Involved in the priority assignment are 218,900 product tons of steel, in addition to companion materials, which will be marked for delivery during the first quarter of 1943.

In addition to the farm machinery permitted by Limitation Order L-170, the larger manufacturers who had large inventories of usable materials on hand, have been permitted to use up those existing inventories. The total amount of farm machinery and repair parts thus produced in 1943 will add considerably to the total volume available, it was stated.

## PREVAILING FARM WAGES DETERMINED

### They Cover Vegetables and Citrus Fruits In Florida, Arizona and California

A determination of prevailing wages for planting, cultivating, and harvesting war-essential vegetables and citrus fruits in Southeast Florida, five counties of California, and Yuma county of Arizona, has been announced by the Department of Agriculture. Workers obtained under the government's farm labor transportation program are to be paid the effective prevailing wages or piece rates determined, with a minimum of 30 cents an hour. The prevailing wage findings were made by farm wage boards which consist of one representative each of the War Manpower Commission and the U. S. Employment Service, and two representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In certain cases the prevailing rates for common labor in Florida were found to be slightly less than 30 cents an hour; but as the farm labor transportation program calls for workers to be paid a minimum of 30 cents, that rate is the minimum set in the determination.

Following are the wage determinations for the five employment areas of Southeast Florida:

*Okeechobee area of Palm Beach County:* Common farm labor (male and female), \$3 per 10-hour day; skilled farm labor, \$3 per 9-hour day; planting celery, 30 cents per hour or equal share of earnings of crew on the basis of 47½ cents per 1,000 plants set; harvesting beans, 40 cents per bushel hamper of 30 pounds for first picking and 45 cents per bushel for second picking.

*Coastal section of Palm Beach, Broward and North Dade Counties:* Common farm labor, \$3 per 10-hour day; skilled farm labor, \$3 per 9-hour day; harvesting beans, 25 cents per bushel hamper of 30 pounds for first picking, 30 cents per bushel for second picking, and 35 cents per bushel for third picking.

*Homestead area of southeast Dade County:* Common farm labor (female), \$3 per 10-hour day; common farm labor (male), 30 cents per hour; skilled farm labor, 32½ cents per hour or \$3.25 per 10-hour day.

*Collier and northwest Hendry Counties:* Common farm labor (male and female), 30 cents per hour; skilled farm labor, 35 cents per hour.

*Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties:* Common and skilled farm labor in vegetables (male and female), 30 cents per hour; harvesting beans, 25 cents per bushel hamper of 30 pounds for first picking; common labor in citrus grove maintenance, 30 cents per hour; tractor and truck drivers in citrus grove maintenance, 40 cents per hour; harvesting oranges, 9 cents per field box; harvesting grapefruit, 7 cents per two-bushel field box; harvesting tangerines (spot picking), 20 cents per field box.

The Florida farm wage board will reconvene later to report prevailing wage rates for harvesting beans in the southeast coastal sections of the State and in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties and for harvesting oranges, grapefruit and tangerines in the latter three counties at piece-work rates.

As most of the prevailing wages submitted by the Florida wage board covered non-harvesting operations, it also was announced that the board would reconvene in time to report wage findings for harvesting crops expected to mature in the near future.

Approved recommendations of the Arizona board for Yuma County are:

Harvesting carrots, 36 cents per crate of six dozen bunches; harvesting grapefruit, 6 cents per field box; harvesting oranges, 10 cents per field box; cutting lettuce (green, leafy), 60 cents per hour.

The board held a public hearing at Yuma, November 21, on prevailing wages for pre-harvesting operations in cabbage, peas, carrots and flax, but submitted no prevailing wage findings on harvesting operations because such work had not yet begun. However, in approving the board's earlier prevailing wage recommendation of 50 cents an hour for pre-harvesting operations in these crops, and applying the rate to pre-harvesting work in other war-needed crops in Yuma County, the Department instructed the board to hold another public hearing and find the prevailing wage for harvesting operations in that area.

The wage rates determined for five counties in California are:

Vegetable operations in Santa Barbara County comprising unskilled general field labor, thinning cabbages and hoeing carrots, 55 cents an hour; cutting cauliflower and broccoli and dry-irrigating, 60 cents per hour; night-irrigating, 65 cents per hour.

Citrus operations in Los Angeles, Tulare, Ventura, and San Diego counties comprising general farm work, including hoeing, cultivating, hauling, etc., 50 cents per hour; inexperienced labor for fumigation and spraying, 50 cents per hour; inexperienced labor in packing house work, 50 cents per hour; work in irrigation, 50 cents per hour; experienced pruners, 60 cents per hour; harvesting lemons, 55 cents per hour plus 12 cents per box; harvesting oranges, 10 cents per box; harvesting grapefruit, 6 cents per box.

### Schedule of Fruit-Vegetable Glass Containers Not Yet Included in Revised M-104 Closure Order

Through the release on December 27 of a revised Conservation Order M-104, the War Production Board has established a new basic control over the use of tinplate, terneplate, blackplate, wire, and rubber closures for glass containers. The order combines the former M-104 and the rubber closure order, M-119.

Schedules attached to the revised order limit the production that may be packed in 1943 by setting quotas based on 1942 production. Quotas thus far established cover drug products; chemicals; household and industrial supplies; and beverages other than canned juices. The quotas for canned foods and juices have not been issued, but are expected to be announced shortly.

Manufacturers' quotas of home canning closures for the period October 1, 1942, to September 30, 1943, also are established by a schedule attached to the order. This schedule permits unlimited production of bands for use with 70-mm. glass lids, top seal metal lids smaller than 70-mm. and lightning type 70-mm. lids. On the basis of the corresponding period of 1941-1942, manufacturers are permitted to make 125 per cent of top seal metal lids of 70-mm. and 80 per cent of bands for such lids. Rubber for shoulder seal jar rings for 70-mm. Mason finish, and for top seal rings for use with 70-mm. glass disc is left subject to allocation.

The first issue of the INFORMATION LETTER published after the establishment of quotas for canned food closures will contain the text of the order and the quotas.

**OPA to Issue Fresh Citrus Ceiling Prices**

The Office of Price Administration announced on December 29 that specific dollars and cents price ceilings would be issued on December 31 for packers of five types of fresh citrus fruits—grapefruit, lemons, oranges, tangerines and temple oranges (similar to an oversized tangerine)—prices varying by regions and seasonally, but in general reflecting levels slightly higher than a year ago.

Florida, Texas, California and Arizona packs only will be affected by the forthcoming new regulation. Other citrus producing States and those citrus fruits such as limes and cumquats are not covered by the new order, but remain under coverage of Maximum Price Regulation No. 280 at their peak prices for the period September 28-October 2.

Citrus price control also is extended to the intermediate sellers, through margins over maximum prices. These wholesale base prices will be computed weekly, in contrast with that of packers whose prices will change at two or three specified seasonal periods only, varying as to the fruit affected.

**Mixed Fertilizer Ceiling Prices Are Raised**

Consumer ceiling prices on mixed fertilizer and superphosphate were raised in specified areas December 29 by the Office of Price Administration in order to give manufacturers relief from part of their recent cost increases.

The increases vary from area to area, with the highest adjustments allowed in the Northeastern States and no increases permitted on the Pacific Coast.

The price increases, however, possibly may be made greater—except in the Far West—by extensive use of oil seed meals for nitrogen in mixed fertilizers. These meals are costly sources of nitrogen, for which special price allowances are made.

Under this adjustment, fertilizer manufacturers are required to absorb increases in the cost of factory labor, other operating costs, out-bound transportation where sales are on a delivered basis and part of the increase in transportation costs on in-bound materials as well as part of the increase in cost of nitrogen.

Only those costs which could not be absorbed by the manufacturers have been passed on, OPA said.

Price relief is granted to cover part of the increased nitrogen costs in States where the industry customarily has used considerable organic nitrogen. In addition a special price provision is designed to encourage the use of all available organic nitrogen materials, including any oil seed meals which may be available in excess of livestock feeding requirements. The price allowances cover the additional cost to manufacturers who use organic nitrogen in excess of the customary amount in any mixed fertilizer.

The adjustments are made in Revised Maximum Price Regulation No. 135 (Mixed Fertilizer, Superphosphate and Potash), effective January 4, 1943.

The revised regulation has the usual requirement that retail sellers must post their ceiling prices prominently in their places of business.

**FSCC RELEASING EVAPORATED MILK****Two Million Cases Bought for Lend-Lease To Be Sold Back to Manufacturers**

To help alleviate the current temporary civilian shortages of evaporated milk the Food Distribution Administration is releasing two million cases from its present stocks. The milk will be sold to manufacturers who have previously sold the product to the Agricultural Marketing Administration, now absorbed by the Food Distribution Administration, and will be released in proportion to these manufacturer's sales to the Administration since March, 1941. The FDA holds the option to repurchase an equal quantity of evaporated milk during the peak period of production. Officials point out that FDA-held stocks now amount to about 17 million cases, most of which is spoken for under Lend-lease and other commitments.

Details on how to make offers to buy the evaporated milk from the Food Distribution Administration were issued December 22.

Evaporated milk will be available for sale under this program at \$3.85 per case, f.o.b. present warehouse locations in the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and \$3.75 per case in other States, until further notice.

As a consideration for the sale by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, to the buyer of evaporated milk, the buyer grants to FSCC an option to buy an equal quantity of evaporated milk during the period of February 1, 1943, through July 31, 1943, subject to the specified conditions.

Bids received each Monday by the Dairy and Poultry Branch, will be subject to acceptance by FSCC by telegram filed at Washington not later than midnight of the following Friday. The program is announced for continuance through January.

**Wickard Names Food Advisory Committee**

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, under authority of the President's executive order of December 5, has announced appointment of a Food Advisory Committee to assist him in carrying out his responsibilities and duties in connection with the nation's war-time food program. The Food Advisory Committee replaces the Foods Requirements Committee, also headed by Secretary Wickard.

Members of the Food Advisory Committee are Secretary Wickard, Chairman; Maj. Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, War Department; Rear Admiral W. B. Young, Navy Department; Edward R. Stettinius, Lend-lease Administration; Edwin W. Gaumnitz, Board of Economic Warfare; M. Lee Marshall, War Production Board; Abe Fortas, Interior Department; H. W. Parisius, Food Production Director, Department of Agriculture; and Roy F. Hendrickson, Food Distribution Director, Department of Agriculture. A representative of the State Department will be named later.

The Committee will submit estimates of food requirements prior to the making of food allocations by the Secretary and otherwise will advise and consult with him in the administration of the food program.

## SEASONAL PRICING FORMULA AMENDED

### New Ceilings Set for Chili Con Carne, Julienne and Shoestring Potatoes

New maximum prices for chili con carne, julienne potatoes and shoestring potatoes were established at the manufacturers' level on December 23, by the Office of Price Administration in an amendment to the maximum price regulation for seasonal commodities and miscellaneous foods.

The formula, established by Amendment No. 1 to Maximum Price Regulation No. 262—Seasonal and Miscellaneous Food Commodities, and effective December 23, uses November-December, 1941, as the base period for pricing. The maximum price then is determined under No. 262 by figuring costs of ingredients and packaging materials at their ceiling prices—or the March market prices where no ceiling prices existed—figuring labor costs at March wage rates, and adding the mark-up taken during the November-December, 1941, period.

Chili con carne will show an increase of seven cents a pound to the consumer. This is attributed in part to the fact that, under the recent WPB Order M-81, production of chili con carne is limited to a product packed with not less than 50 per cent meat, fresh weight, and without beans. Approximately 50 per cent of the added seven cents represents extra meat, and approximately 50 per cent the added cost of meat since the November-December, 1941, base period.

The consumer, however, will get more end-product for the same money. This is so because dry beans bought at the market and then cooked for mixture with the concentrated chili con carne are considerably cheaper than the same beans packed and priced under formula would be.

Julienne and shoestring potatoes will be priced as potato chips now are. Slight increases at retail are in prospect. For chili con carne and the potatoes, the formula is, in general: (1) Ingredients figured at March, 1942, ceiling or March, 1942, market where no ceiling existed; (2) packaging materials at March ceiling or March market where no ceiling existed, and (3) same mark-up as of March.

Increases will be passed on through amendments to Maximum Price Regulation 255—Permitted Increases for Wholesalers of Certain Foods—and Maximum Price Regulation 256—Permitted Increases for Retailers of Certain Foods.

### Victory Tax Starts January 1

The attention of canners is called to the provision of the Revenue Act of 1942 requiring employers to deduct five per cent from all salaries or wages paid after January 1, 1943, in excess of \$12 a week. If it is the practice of the employer to pay on a semimonthly basis, a deduction of \$26 is allowed each employee before computation of the tax. A discussion of the Victory Tax appeared in the INFORMATION LETTER of October 10, page 7262. It is expected that regulations covering this tax will shortly be issued and will be reported in detail in the LETTER.

### Government Men Ask Postponement of Meeting

Marvin P. Verhulst, president of the Association of State Secretaries, has announced to his members the receipt of a telegram from John E. Dodds of the Agricultural Marketing Administration stating it is necessary to postpone the entire schedule of government participation in State association meetings for three weeks. The wire stated further that the government representatives cannot be prepared for the meetings as now scheduled. The schedule of dates and places, drawn up at a meeting of the State secretaries and government men at Chicago during the Processors' Conference, was published in the INFORMATION LETTER for December 22.

Mr. Verhulst, in his announcement, asked the various secretaries to advise his office whether their respective meetings could be scheduled on the day three weeks following the date originally assigned. Such a postponement would place the series of meetings in the period from January 25 to February 5, instead of January 4 to 15, as originally booked.

### New York State Canners Postpone Meeting

Complying with the Government's request, the Association of New York State Canners, Inc., announces that it has postponed the date of its 57th annual convention to February 4 and 5. The meeting will be held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo.

### USDA Reports on Truck Crops for Commercial Processing

The Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture has released a general summary of truck crops for

commercial processing, which they present in the following table:

Crop	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production		Price per ton	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Dollars	Dollars
Asparagus.....	39,550	48,400	.96	1.07	37,970	51,820	106.55	118.75
Beans, lima.....	62,650	69,160	.61	.57	38,060	39,280	71.25	86.50
Beans, snap.....	87,600	131,060	1.64	1.74	144,320	227,400	55.40	73.50
Beets.....	17,790	16,710	7.48	7.15	133,000	119,500	13.11	18.50
Cabbage.....	23,480	14,770	8.99	10.77	211,000	159,100	9.70	7.50
Corn, sweet.....	444,270	468,510	2.56	2.66	1,135,700	1,243,900	9.68	15.50
Cucumbers.....	112,800	108,020	1.80	1.86	202,536	201,552	28.76	35.50
Peas, green.....	361,390	438,070	.96	.97	345,620	426,980	48.67	68.00
Pimientos.....	12,740	14,060	.87	1.46	11,140	20,580	35.75	41.50
Spinach.....	19,940	46,240	2.25	2.47	44,900	114,400	24.03	34.50
Tomatoes.....	400,450	590,070	6.09	5.34	2,802,200	3,152,700	15.06	18.50
Total.....	1,642,860	1,945,130	3.11	2.96	5,106,476	5,757,212	18.71	25.00

## WANTED AND FOR SALE

### Machinery-Equipment

Names of member-firms who want to buy or who are offering for sale the machinery and equipment items listed below will be furnished upon application to the Association. When requesting names, be sure to give the number of the item referred to (39-S, 28-W, etc.), and your own firm name.

*This service is limited to publication of the items wanted or for sale and to furnishing the identity of buyer or seller on request. When offering machinery and equipment for listing in this column, always include a brief description of the item. Address copy to attention, INFORMATION LETTER. Copy should be mailed so as to arrive in Washington not later than Thursday for publication the same week. Each item will be published three consecutive times, unless the LETTER is instructed to withdraw the copy.*

### WANTED

28-W—150-gallon copper kettle with scraper agitator.  
 29-W—A tenderometer.  
 30-W—Standard-Knapp dumper, unscrambler and booster for No. 2½ cans or smaller.  
 31-W—Caser, 24/2.  
 32-W—Used Model B American Utensil juice extractor.

### FOR SALE

39-S—Sixty-foot chain conveyor made up with No. 67 chain K-1 attachments with 2 x 18 inch wood slats.  
 40-S—Ayars filler (Series C-4230) for No. 10 cans. Has not been used for several years but is in good working condition.  
 41-S—Two Model RL-948 Barrett lift trucks with iron wheels and 2½" lift.  
 42-S—Twenty-five Type PM platforms, 36 inches wide by 60 inches long by 9½ inches high, with 1½ inch hardwood tops.  
 43-S—50-h. p. steam engine.  
 44-S—New, uncrated 30-gallon stainless steel trunnion kettle with double motion tilting agitator.  
 45-S—Used 150 hp. boiler, complete with fittings and 60-foot stack.  
 46-S—Berlin-Chapman cookers for No. 2½ cans; 550-can capacity.  
 47-S—Hanson pea and bean filler with change parts and extra syrup device.  
 48-S—No. 10, 5-way, square exhaust box.  
 49-S—M & S corn filler.  
 50-S—Dunkley cherry pitter, style E-4, with 7/8-inch diameter holes in drum, 80 rpm.  
 51-S—Dunkley cherry pitter, style E-4, with 1-inch diameter openings in drum, 80 rpm.  
 52-S—White Labeling Machine Company labeler.  
 53-S—No. 6 Peerless exhauster in excellent condition. Will handle cans up to and including No. 3's.

## COORDINATION OF FEDERAL REPORTS

### President Signs Act Designed to Decrease Burden of Filling Out Forms

The Federal Reports Act of 1942, designed to decrease the burden upon business enterprises and upon persons required to furnish information to the Government, and to eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort in obtaining such information, was signed by the President on December 24.

The Act defines the term "information" to mean "facts obtained or solicited by the use of written report forms . . . schedules, questionnaires, or other similar methods calling . . . for answers to identical questions from ten or more persons." It requires the Director of the Bureau of the Budget to investigate the methods used by the various Federal agencies in obtaining such facts, and to coordinate "as rapidly as possible the information-collecting services of all such agencies with a view to reducing the cost to the Government of obtaining such information and minimizing the burden upon business enterprises and other persons." Where the use of a single information-collecting agency for several departments appears to be feasible, the Director will establish such an agency and prescribe its duties and functions.

Further limitations are imposed upon each governmental department. The Director, either on his own motion or at the request "of any party having a substantial interest," may determine whether the collection of any information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency seeking it, or for any other proper purpose. If he finds that it is not, or that the information can be obtained from some other governmental department, the information cannot be collected. In addition, where agencies seek to use questionnaires for gathering data from more than ten persons or business firms, the Director must first review the proposed questionnaires and, in effect, approve the collection of the information before they can be used.

The Director may require any Federal agency to make available to any other Federal agency all information obtained after December 24, 1942. Safeguards against disclosures of confidential data, however, are provided. The information may be released by one agency to another only if it is supplied in general summary form, or at the time it was collected it was not declared by the collecting agency to be confidential, or the persons furnishing the information consent to its release, or the second agency, itself, has the power to require that such information be obtained. If any information has been obtained in confidence by one agency and is released to another agency, the provisions of the Act prohibit the unlawful disclosure of that information by the representatives of the second agency. The requirements of the Act for interagency disclosures do not apply to information collected by specified departments, among which is the Bureau of Internal Revenue which administers the collection of Federal taxes.

Under the penal provisions provided in the statute, any one failing to furnish information required by a government agency is subject only to the penalties specifically provided by law. The agency can impose no other penalty either by fine or imprisonment or by the denial of any right, privilege, priority, allotment, or immunity, unless the right, privilege, priority, allotment, or immunity is "legally conditioned on facts which would be revealed by the information requested."

## 1943 CANNED VEGETABLE PROGRAM

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to produce the needed raw materials and if processors are able to pack these supplies. The need for an effective coordination of all the phases of this program is evident if we are to reach our objectives.

Several factors besides the planted acreage will influence the size of the 1943 packs. The most critical shortage of resources is expected in the availability of labor. The necessity for effective measures to alleviate a tight labor situation cannot be too strongly emphasized if the forecasted packs are to be obtained. In the final analysis, however, the solution will depend upon the resourcefulness and ingenuity of growers and processors in the local areas. The transportation situation will be more critical than in the current season. Machinery repairs, fertilizer and similar supplies must be made available where needed at the proper time. Hence, the problem confronting us is much broader than price support which cannot be expected to do the entire job in itself.

The first step in the development of a price-support program, which covers vegetables grown for canning, dehydrating, and freezing, as well as in appraising the feasibility of the forecasted 1943 packs of canned vegetables, is the determination of the acreage needed to meet the requirements. These acreage computations are shown in Table III for snap beans, corn, peas, and tomatoes. The packs of these four vegetables have contributed more than four-fifths of the seasonal vegetable packs in recent years.

The 1943 forecasted packs of these four vegetables have been expressed in terms of required planted acreages after giving consideration to normal packout, yields, and abandonment. On this basis a total planted acreage of 1.7 million acres, or approximately the same as in 1942, will be needed next year. Consequently, it will be necessary to give special emphasis to the grower aspects of this program, particularly as it involves labor supply. These acreages must be tied closely to the available facilities and labor supply in the various States and local areas.

In addition to the above four commodities, the Department's announcement of November 27 stated that a series of specific support prices for beets, carrots, pumpkin and squash for processing, and cabbage for kraut would be worked out.

The 1943 pack of canned beets is expected to be about the same as in 1942, or 6.5 million cases. This will require approximately 100,000 tons of the raw product for processing. In addition to this, the requirements of dehydrated beets for the 1943-44 fiscal year, which total nearly 26 million pounds, will take about 156,000 tons of the raw product. With average yields of beets for processing of about six tons per acre, more than 40,000 acres or more than double the processing acreage of 1942 will be needed.

The 1943 pack of carrots, which likewise is expected to total about the same as in 1942, will require about 40,000 tons of carrots, and the dehydrated requirements of 13 million pounds will take about 65,000 tons of the raw product. Although there are no separate estimates of carrots for processing, the yield of all carrots has averaged about nine tons per acre in recent years. Thus, approximately 12,000 acres in 1943 would be needed to meet total processing requirements.

With a continuation of the kraut subsidy program, it is expected that the same tonnage of kraut cabbage, or about 165,000 tons, would be needed in 1943. The dehydrated requirements for the 1943-44 fiscal year of nearly 35 million pounds will need 345,000 tons. The acreage of cabbage which would be needed to meet these requirements of 510,000 tons will be roughly triple that grown for kraut in 1942.

These requirements for dehydration will require a considerable expansion in plant equipment. The Government is going to do

everything possible to insure the construction of those plants which are needed to reach our goal. However, in view of the large requirements for raw products, and the need for planned and concerted action, we believe that it is necessary for dehydrators to contract for their supplies in order to be assured of a source of raw materials. Substantial quantities of dehydrated potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, and rutabagas also are needed. These are not considered at this time because they will have little effect upon the quantity canned.\*

The activities connected with beets, carrots, and cabbage present, in some respects, a more difficult problem than the other vegetables. Definite steps may be taken in contracting acreage for the canned pack and in providing supplies for existing dehydration plants. However, there is even greater need of coordinating the production of the raw products with plant facilities where the plants are not yet in operation than where the needs are definitely known. The War Boards will be notified of dehydration plants now operating or for which construction has been approved, and will be kept informed of additional approvals. As facilities are extended prior to planting time, assistance should be provided these dehydrators in contracting for their source of raw products.

In the case of asparagus, lima beans, and spinach, no grower price-support is contemplated at this time and no determination of needed acreage has been made.

With this background in mind, the State War Boards are being requested to supply information as to grower prices which will be needed to secure the necessary acreage. In general, the Department's support will be maintained through the certification of processors agreeing to pay through contracts at least the minimum prices to growers which will be specified. The program thus will be similar to the canned tomato and pea expansion program of 1942.

On the basis of the State reports as to grower prices and acreages, the Department will determine the price levels which will in effect be supported. This in turn will determine the goals and may necessitate a revision of the forecasted 1943 packs of canned, dehydrated, and quick frozen vegetables. The problem in the various States, however, is that of obtaining the maximum acreage possible at the prices as recommended by the Department, taking into consideration processing facilities in the various local areas. These support levels will be interpreted in terms of grades and areas within a State where necessary. The contractual relationship is stressed in order that the supplies of raw products will be available to processors and that the supplies will be produced in the areas where plant facilities and labor will be available. It must be emphasized that the Department is not guaranteeing specific prices to growers for the raw product, but that their only assurance of obtaining these prices is through a contract with a processor. The Department will provide every opportunity for growers to become acquainted with and to understand the program.

After the support levels are announced, the State War Board will have the responsibility of undertaking a certification program. Under this, processors who agree to pay through contracts at least these minimum prices will be certified as cooperating with the program. The facilities of the Department of Agriculture will then be available to them in contracting acreage. This assistance will be provided not only to canners but also to dehydrators and quick freezers who conform to the minimum price provisions. The assistance, however, will not be extended to uncertified processors.

The Department will encourage contracting in order that there will be an assured source of supplies where facilities are available. In certain areas, particularly the South, canning in the past has largely been a question of absorbing surplus supplies grown in the fresh market. In such a case, the certification can be made on the basis of contracting for the residual supplies remaining in the fresh market demand. In general, however, certification is to

\* Editor's Note.—The memorandum presented a table of dehydrated vegetable requirements for the coming year. As these were published in the last INFORMATION LETTER, they are omitted here.

on the basis of grower-canner contracts made prior to planting time.

In effect, price support will be extended to canners through the government purchases of more than half the pack of canned vegetables, virtually all of the dehydrated vegetables, and substantial quantities of quick-frozen vegetables. A higher price will be paid certified canners for government purchases made under Order M-86-e than will be paid those not certified. In addition, the Department will stand ready at the end of the season to purchase from certified canners all remaining quantities of the various grades and can sizes of those canned vegetables where grower prices will be supported. These will be purchased at the net government ceiling with additional allowance for export cases where required.

The Office of Price Administration will set dollar and cents ceilings at the processor level. These will be established by areas of

production and the maximum prices will be on the basis of U. S. grades. As far as the raw product is concerned these processor ceilings will be based on the grower price level for each commodity as recommended by the Department of Agriculture. The prices to be paid by the Government for the finished product will be tied to these ceiling prices.

Table III—Vegetables for processing: Data relating to estimated 1943 acreage requirements

		Snap beans	Corn	Peas	Tomatoes
A. Pack (million cases, 24 No. 2's):					
Forecast 1943.....	16.0	26.0	33.0	30.0	
Estimated 1942.....	17.5	31.0	35.5	33.0	
1937-41 average.....	10.6	20.0	23.8	27.0	
B. Estimated raw material requirements (1,000 tons):					
For 1943 forecast pack <sup>1</sup> .....	178	1,130	367	960	
For 1943 other products.....	10	25	45	2,000	
Total.....	188	1,155	412	2,990	
C. Yield per harvested acre (tons):					
1937-41 average.....	1.74	2.46	.88	5.19	
High yield of last 10 years.....	1.84	2.66	.94	5.58	
Low yield of last 10 years.....	1.30	1.63	.62	3.30	
D. Planted acreage requirements, 1943 (1,000 acres) <sup>2</sup> .....	116	500	490	615	
E. Planted acreage comparisons (1,000 acres):					
1942.....	104	498	483	612	
1941.....	88	455	385	469	
1936-40 average.....	65	370	325	430	

<sup>1</sup> Based on packouts of 90, 23, 90, and 33.3 cases per ton for snap beans, corn, peas, and tomatoes, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Based on average yields shown in "C" and on average acreage abandonment of 7 per cent for snap beans, 6 per cent for corn and tomatoes, and 5 per cent for peas.

Table I.—Packs and requirements of canned vegetables for 1942 and 1943 compared with average domestic use during 1937-41

	Twelve <sup>1</sup> vegetables		Other vegetables	Total Million Cases
	Million Cases	Million Cases		
<b>1942:</b>				
Estimated pack.....	168.9	24.0	192.9	
Government requirements.....	47.1	9.9	57.0	
Available for civilians.....	121.8	14.1	135.9	
<b>1943:</b>				
Forecasted pack.....	158.0	20.6	178.6	
Government requirements.....	80.6	12.3	92.9	
Available for civilians.....	77.4	8.3	85.7	
Average domestic use, 1937-41.....	117.9	(9)	(9)	

<sup>1</sup> Includes asparagus, lima beans, snap beans, beets, carrots, corn, peas, pumpkin and squash, spinach, tomatoes, tomato juice, and tomato pulp.

<sup>2</sup> Data unavailable.

Table II.—Canned vegetables: Forecasted 1943 packs and requirements, with comparisons

(Stated in million cases of 24 No. 2 cans)

Commodity	Forecasted 1943 pack <sup>1</sup>			1943-44 Govt. require- ments <sup>2</sup>	Available for civilians <sup>3</sup>	Estimated 1942 pack	1937-41 average pack
	Total	Tin	Glass				
<b>TWELVE VEGETABLES:</b>							
Asparagus.....	4.0	4.0	0	2.0	2.0	4.1	2.9
Beans, lima.....	2.0	1.8	.2	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Beans, snap.....	16.0	15.5	.5	8.6	7.4	17.5	10.5
Beets.....	6.5	5.0	1.5	5.0	1.5	6.3	4.0
Carrots.....	2.5	2.0	.5	2.0	.5	2.5	1.3
Corn.....	26.0	25.5	.5	13.0	13.0	31.0	20.0
Peas.....	33.0	32.2	.8	17.0	16.0	35.5	23.8
Pumpkin and squash.....	1.0	1.0	0	1.0	0	2.0	2.6
Spinach.....	7.5	7.5	0	4.3	3.2	9.0	4.6
Tomatoes.....	30.0	30.0	0	14.7	15.3	33.0	27.0
Tomato juice.....	25.0	24.0	1.0	9.9	15.1	23.0	16.1
Tomato pulp.....	4.5	4.5	0	2.1	2.4	3.0	3.1
Total.....	158.0	153.0	5.0	50.6	77.4	168.9	117.9
<b>OTHER VEGETABLES:</b>							
Hominy, lye.....	0	0	0	0	0	.6	....
Mixed vegetables.....	0	0	0	0	0	2.0	....
Potatoes, sweet.....	1.2	1.2	0	1.2	0	1.0	....
Potatoes, white.....	1.0	1.0	0	1.0	0	1.0	....
Sauerkraut.....	3.4	3.4	0	3.4	0	4.5	....
Succotash.....	0	0	0	0	0	.4	....
Tomato catsup.....	10.0	4.0	6.0	5.5	4.5	10.0	....
Tomato paste.....	3.0	3.0	0	1.0	2.0	2.5	....
Tomato sauce.....	2.0	2.0	0	.2	1.8	2.0	....
Total.....	20.6	14.6	6.0	12.3	8.3	24.0	....
Grand total.....	178.6	167.6	11.0	92.9	85.7	192.9	....

<sup>1</sup> Including 1943-44 packs.

<sup>2</sup> Requirements as reported to Fruit and Vegetable Branch, AMA, thru November 17, 1942.

<sup>3</sup> Pack less total Government requirements.

**SPECIAL PACKING COSTS ALLOWED****May Be Added to Prices When Goods Are Packed or Repacked for Government**

Because goods sold to government procurement agencies on behalf of the Lend-lease Administration and to the Army and Navy on their own account, often require special packing to withstand rough treatment on long hauls and while being unloaded under difficult conditions, a supplementary order, announced December 22 by the Office of Price Administration, permits sellers of such goods under applicable price regulations to add costs of special packing to established maximum prices.

This allowance, provided for in Supplementary Order No. 34—Packing Expenses on Sales to Procurement Agencies—which became effective December 21, 1942, applies only when goods are packed or re-packed to meet government specifications.

Under the new supplementary order, special packing expenses may be added to maximum prices if (1) the packing specified by the buyer differs from standard packing; (2) if the commodity ordered has been packed in standard packing and repacking to meet buyer's specifications is required; (3) if commodities already packed to the specifications of the buyer must be repacked to meet new specifications. Text of the governing sections of Supplementary Order No. 34 follows:

**§ 1305.40. Special packing expenses permitted to be added to maximum prices on sales to procurement agencies.**

(a) On sales or deliveries of any commodity to a procurement agency of the United States there may be added to the maximum domestic price for such commodity

(1) If the packing specified by the buyer differs from standard packing, the difference between the cost of the direct labor and materials used or to be used in packing to the specifications of the buyer and the cost of the direct labor and materials used in standard packing, or

(2) If the commodity has already been packed in standard packing and repacking to the specifications of the buyer is required, the cost of the direct labor and materials used or to be used in the unpacking and repacking, or

(3) If the commodity has initially been packed to the specifications of the buyer in accordance with subparagraph (1), and repacking to new specifications of the buyer is required, the amount permitted by subparagraph (1) plus the cost of the direct labor and materials used or to be used in the unpacking and repacking.

(b) The authority granted by paragraph (a) is subject to the following conditions:

(1) The buyer must require that the commodity be packed to its specifications or must specifically request that the seller unpack and repack the commodity to the buyer's specifications.

(2) The seller must show separately in his contract of sale or on the invoice furnished to the buyer the charge being made for the packing and/or unpacking and repacking specified by the buyer.

(3) In addition to the records required by any price regulation, the seller must prepare and keep for inspection by the Office of Price Administration so long as the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, as amended, is in effect, true and accurate records showing the cost of the direct

labor and materials used in standard packing and the cost of the direct labor and materials used in the packing and/or unpacking and repacking specified by the buyer.

(c) This Supplementary Order No. 34 shall not apply to any price regulation issued after the effective date of this Supplementary Order No. 34 which specifically provides that this Supplementary Order No. 34 shall not apply.

(d) As used in this Supplementary Order No. 34:

(1) "Price regulation" means a price schedule effective in accordance with the provisions of section 206 of the Emergency Price Control Act of 1942, as amended, a maximum price regulation, a temporary maximum price regulation, or any amendment or supplement thereto or order thereunder.

(2) "Packing" shall include the providing of wrappings, inner and/or outer containers and the placing of the commodity in such wrappings or containers.

(3) "Standard packing" means any domestic packing contemplated by the applicable price regulation when the sale is a domestic sale and any packing for export contemplated by the applicable price regulation when the sale is a sale for export.

(e) This Supplementary Order No. 34 (§ 1305.40) shall become effective December 21, 1942.

**Walsh-Healey Exemption Extended Through 1943**

The exemption from the Section 1 requirements of the Walsh-Healey Act, granted by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the request of the War Department, for certain canned and dehydrated fruits and vegetables, has been extended until December 31, 1943. Except for this action, which was taken by the Labor Department on December 22, the exemption would have expired with the end of this year. The effect of the exemption was presented in the INFORMATION LETTER for May 30, 1942. Following is a list of the products that are within its scope.

**Canned Fruits and Vegetables**

Apples	Cherries	Pineapple
Apple butter	Corn	Plums
Apple sauce	Cucumbers	Potatoes, sweet
Apricots	Figs	Prunes, fresh
Asparagus	Fruit cocktail	Pumpkin
Beans, lima	Fruit juices, all varieties	Sauce, chili
Beans, string or snap	Grapefruit	Spinach
Berries, all varieties	Grapes	Squash
Beets	Kraut	Tomatoes
Cabbage	Onions	Tomato juice
Carrots	Peaches	Tomato paste
Catsup	Pears	Tomato puree
	Peas	

**Dehydrated Fruits and Vegetables**

Apples	Catsup	Potatoes, sweet
Apple sauce	Corn	Pumpkin
Apricots	Figs	Prunes
Beans, lima	Fruit juices, all varieties	Spinach
Beans, string or snap	Kraut	Squash
Berries, all varieties	Onions	Tomatoes
Beets	Peaches	Tomato juice
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